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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grow More Food - New Well Subsidy Scheme - Progress Report for October 1947 - Board's review - Recorded with remarks.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Abstract.

Grow More Food - Well Subsidy Schemes - Progress Report - Month ending 31-10-1947 - Reviewed.

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RES.RT.NO.468.

Station: Chepauk, Madras. Dated 29th January, 1948.

From

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Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.

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Read the following: Reports from Collectors.

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Resolution:

The Board submits to the Government the following consolidated review of the progress made in respect of all the three Well Subsidy Schemes during the month ending 31-10-1947.

2. None of the Collectors submitted the progress reports regarding all the 3 schemes in time. There was a delay of about a month or more in the submission of one or other of the reports by the Collectors of Trichinopoly, Ramnad, West Godavari, Kistna, and Guntur. The Collector of West Godavari submitted his report only on 15-1-1948, i.e., after a delay of over 2 months. Such delays are highly discreditable and defeat the very purpose of the review which is to enable timely steps being taken for the mission of the returns and will be constrained to take a very severe view of lapses in future.

(A) NEW WELL SUBSIDY SCHEME: NEW WELLS:

The number of applications received during the month was 9,764 involving an amount of Rs.32,05,810/-. The total number of applications for disposal during the month was 58,187 involving an amount of Rs.2,00,15,903/-. Out of this only 4,643 applications involving an amount of Rs.15,50 075/- were sanctioned and 7,267 applications involving an amount of Rs.25,45,630 were rejected - Thus leaving a large balance of 46,277 applications for disposal at the end of the month. The Board observed that the disposal of applications was inordinately slow ~~that the~~ and quite unsatisfactory in many districts. It was very poor in the districts of North Arcot, Chittoor, Kurnool, Malabar, Vizagapatam, Nellore, Bellary, Cuddapah, Kistna, and Guntur. Poor in the districts of Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly, South Arcot, Madura Coimbatore, Anantapur, West Godavari, and South Kanara and fair in the districts of Chingleput, Ramnad, Salem and East Godavari. In Tanjore subsidy was not sanctioned even in a single case during the month although 4 applications were disposed of by being rejected. The number of applications rejected was very large in North Arcot (742), Ramnad (940) Salem (957) and Madura (879). Collectors are requested to see that no deserving application is rejected.

(ii) Out of the total allotment of Rs.150/- lakhs for the grant of subsidy loans only a sum of Rs.65,40,785/- have been sanctioned and out of this amount only Rs.46,27,345/- was actually disbursed in respect of 13.653 cases upto the end of the month under review. This works out to only 31% of the total allotment. The Board is unable to understand why there should be any delay in the actual payment after orders sanctioning the subsidy loans were issued, especially when the sanction is accorded after a thorough enquiry.

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(iii) The Board is, however, pleased to observe that 224 wells have so far been completed and 1,699 more wells are in progress in Trichinopoly District alone whereas in most of the other districts no wells have yet been completed.

(iv) Tanks: It is in consideration of the fact that the construction of wells was not suitable for the South Kanara and Malabar districts, a special provision was made in the New Well Subsidy Scheme for the construction and repair of tanks in those districts. The disposal of applications both for the construction of new and repaid of old tanks is very disappointing. Out of 290 applications in respect of new tanks and 205 applications of in respect of old tanks for disposal during the month, only 1 application for a new tank and 2 applications have been rejected leaving a large balance of 424 applications for disposal at the end of the month in both the districts.

(for old tanks have been sanctioned applications)

3. The Board notes that the pace of progress of the scheme is exceedingly slow -- upto the end of October '47 subsidy - loans have been paid for 13.653 wells amounting to Rs.46,27,345/- against the target of 37,500 wells with an allotment of Rs.1.5 crores. The Government are anxious that the entire allotment of Rs.1.5.crores should be spent by 31-3-1948 and that the construction of the wells should be completed by 30-6-1948. The Collectors are therefore requested to take a keen interest in the matter and carry out a vigorous dirve so that the target may be achieved. The Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers should see that the special staff makes every effort to speed up disposal of the applications and disbursement of the subsidy loans.

4. The Number of applications for disposal at the end of the previous month was 50,122 according to the previous review, i.e., cColumn 4 (a) minus 5 (a) + 5 (c) of the report for September, 1947. But according to the present ~~report, the number is only 48,423. Only a~~ return i.e., Column 2 (a) minus 2 (b) of the present report the number is only 48.423, Only a few Collectors have explained the reasons from the variations whereas some have stated that the figures in the present report are revised figures. Collectors are requested to see that in future such variations are clearly explained.
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(B) ACCELERATED WELLS SUBSIDY SCHEMES.

New Wells.

	Upto 30-9-47.	In the month.	Upto 31-10-47.
1. Number of wells completed.	36,874	plus 779	37,653
2. Number of wells in progress.	20,396	minus 670	19,726
3. Number of wells to be taken up including cases in which recovery of subsidy has been ordered.	4,319	minus 109	4,210
Total number of wells for which subsidies have been paid.	61,589		61,589

779 new wells were completed during the month under review, thus bringing the total number of new wells completed in the entire Province to 38,653. The number of wells to be completed is still large (19,726). The Board, hopes that Collectors will pay their personal attention to this matter and bring home to the grantees that the wells in progress should be completed speedily and in any case before 30.6.48, as no further extension of time will be granted under any circumstances

(ii) Old Wells: According to the Board's instructions in its L.Dis.V. Spl. 3084/47 dated 6-10-1947, the majority of the Collectors have submitted the statements in the revised ~~the~~ form prescribed therein. A few others have however use the form previously in use. There is, therefore, no uniformity in the details furnished by the Collectors in columns 6 to 9 of the revised form. In view, however, of the further extension of time

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upto 30-4-48 granted by the Government in their order Ms.No. 44, Revenue, dated 8-1-48, for the completion of repairs to old wells where substantial progress had been made, Collectors are requested to see that all the wells eligible for the extension of time now allowed are completed before 30-4-1948.

(iii) 7,890 now and 3,3,54 old wells were inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers upto the end of the month under review. The Board hopes that they will make it convenient to inspect a larger number of wells so that fruads, if any, in the construction of or repairs to wells may be detected.

(iv) The following statement shows the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of foodgrains produced under the Accelerated Scheme upto the end of the month under review:--

		New Wells.	Old Wells.
Additional area brought under irrigation	Acres.	48,067,03	23,430.93
Additional quantity of Foodgrains produced.	Tons.	20.577.01	9,750.47

(v) During the month under review Collectors did not sanction the write off of subsidies in any case.

(vi) In the return for September, 1947 the Collector of Chittoor had reported that the total number of old wells for which subsidy had been paid was 3,427 whereas in the present return it has been shown as 3,429. The increase by 2 wells has not, however, been explained. The Collector is requested to explain the variation.

(C) CEDED DISTRICTS MODIFIED WELLS SCHEME:

During the month under review only 2 new wells were completed in Bellary and no new wells were completed in the the other districts. This is very unsatisfactory. The total number of new wells for which subsidies have been paid under this scheme is 1,999. Out of this only 119 wells have been completed so far. This works out to only 6%. Even though the time for completion of new wells has been extended upto 30-6-1948, the progress so far made is very inadequate. There is no ~~jurisdicti~~ justification ~~tion~~ for the very slow progress now made.

(ii) In view of the further extension of time granted by the Government upto 30-4-1948 for completing repairs to old wells where substantial progress has been made, Collectors are requested to see that works in those cases are completed before that date.

(iii) The following statement shows the additional area brought under irrigation and the additional quantity of foodgrains produced from the wells subsidised under this scheme:--

		New Wells.	Old Wells.
Additional area brought under irrigation.	Acres.	414.60	290.50
Additional quantity of foodgrains produced.	Tons.	242.50	137.00

(iv) 495 new and 134 old wells were inspected by the Revenue Divisional Officers upto the end of the month under review.

5. As the Government have further extended the time limit

for completing repairs to old wells upto 30-4-1948, Collectors are requested to submit the statements in respect of old wells in the form previously in use and not in the revised form prescribed in the Board's L.Dis.No.V.Spl.3084/47, dated 6-10-1947.

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for Joint Secretary.

To:

The Secretary to Government, Revenue, Department, Madras. With statements.

The Collectors of all districts except the Nilgiris and Madras.

Copy to:

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The Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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Revenue Department.

G.O.Ms.No. 432. Dated: 26th February 1948.

Read the following:

From the Board of Revenue, Res.Rt.No.468, dated 29-1-48

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2. It is observed from the Board's review, that the disposal of applications is very slow. There was a balance of 46,277 applications at the end of the month, out of a total of 58,187 applications. The Board had stated separately that much time was taken in investigation in the early stages and hence the slow progress in the disposal of applications. As months advanced, there should have been some rapid progress in the disposal of applications. But actually the number of applicatic sanctioned in the month of October was only 4643. This is pitiably small. The disbursement of subsidies as loans will stop on 31-3-1948. It is not known what progress has been made in the months of November and December 1947 and January 1948. There is only one month more i.e. March. The Board is therefore requested to impress on the Collectors, once again, the need for the quick disposal of applications and ask them to instruct the special staff to take special interest in the disposal of applications and see that as large a number of applications, as could be, are disposed of.

/By Order of His Excellency the Governor/

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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